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GOB Inaugurates Corozal Free Zone Access Road

January 9, 2025 - The Government of Belize is celebrating another stellar achievement with the opening of the Corozal Free Zone Access Road.

The project to upgrade the critical access was launched a year ago, with a view to enhancing connectivity and promoting economic activity in the Corozal region. Now completed to international standards, the road will provide improved access to the Corozal Free Zone and will facilitate smoother transportation for goods and services, bolstering trade and attracting investment to the area.

In 2020 when the PUP Government took office, the Corozal Free Zone was a casualty of not only the Covid pandemic but of the economic stagnation created by the then administration which lacked vision and competence. It was reopened by this administration in 2021, and today it is a success story, one of many since November 2020.

The 1.6km stretch of road, financed through a grant from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), with counterpart funding from the Government of Belize, PACT and the Corozal Free Zone, is expected to greatly enhance the economic activity within the Zone, as well as the visitor experience of those coming from Mexico.

From a point of complete stagnation in late 2020, the Corozal Free Zone now boasts 316 registered businesses offering a diverse variety of goods and services. The open gates welcomed 1.1 million visitors in 2024. The increase in footfall can be attributed to the opening of new stores and an increase in promotional activities. In total, almost 270,000 vehicles originating from Mexico visited the Corozal Free Zone, including private motor vehicles, combis and buses.

With the surge in economic activity, the Free Zone recorded sales in 2024 of USD$246M and contributed 13% to the nation's GDP. Its impact was further felt through a significant increase in employment. Currently the Zone employs 1500 Belizeans, a tremendous boon to the north of the country which years ago was recording record unemployment.

In his keynote address to the gathering which included dignitaries from Mexico and Belize, Prime Minister John Briceño reiterated the commitment of his administration to undertaking projects which act to transform the nation by providing opportunities for growth, development and prosperity to all.

The opening of the Corozal Free Zone Access Road is a fulfilment of the commitments made in PlanBelize to bring sustainable development to every corner of the country through strategic investment and forward thinking.

NO INCOME TAX FOR 29K OR LESS

THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT

Effective January 1st, 2025 individuals earning less than $29,000 per year will be exempted from paying income tax. Over 2,900 workers will automatically have more purchasing power as any Income Tax paid would go to zero. An additional 733 workers will benefit with the new income tax laws to make sure they take home more pay when their salaries are adjusted. That amounts to 3.3 million in take home pay for these workers. This is a part of the efforts of the government to make Belizeans cope with the cost of living.

Regarding the successful, GST-free weekends in late December 2024, Prime Minister, John Briceño was engulfed with an air of optimism. He stated *"It increased their spending power. People have confidence in this country and people have confidence in this Government."*

The Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) with the Director General, Michelle Longsworth at the helm, has gone through a transformative process to strengthen institutional reforms in tax administration. The BTSD was created under the previous Barrow government, after the amalgamation of the Income and Business Tax Department and the General Sales Tax Department on 1st August 2019. The objective was to provide better service, efficiency, productivity and better tax compliance to further develop the country. The Government of Belize requested and received from the Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Center (CARTAC) in January 2018, the technical assistance to assist the government with its operations and technology systems which would have supported tax administration in Belize.

Unfortunately, when the Peoples United Party (PUP) took control of the government the tax collection was in an egregious state. The revenue institutions were only collecting 70 cents on the dollar. The taxes were underperforming. Compounding the underperformance situation was the matter of non-compliance by various known agencies, companies and organizations. The BTSD resorted to publishing a list of names of the entities in default. Twenty-five businesses were cited for non-compliance for over half of a billion dollars of unpaid taxes. Obviously, the United Democratic Party (UDP) government was inept in financial stewardship of the country's finances and its revenue collection. Today the revenue collection has improved drastically and this was the rationale behind the 12.5% tax holiday going into Christmas. The economy has also grown from less than four billion dollars to over six billion dollars now. On being questioned about losses the government incurred on the tax breaks PM Briceño's response was *"If we give something, we have to get it from somewhere else. So we expect from the growth in the economy we will be able to offset those losses."*

Unlike the UDP's failure to ensure proper collection of taxes, the conscious-driven PUP government is providing relief to the hard-working Belizeans to buffer the cost of living and inflation trap. The social mechanism being implemented by the government has restored the people's confidence in the country and the government as the country moves forward to the general elections in 2025. PM Briceño considers *"That is fundamental to the success of any Government."* By Hilly Bennett

Taiwan's Support for Cattle Farmers

8 January 2025 - In a vital show of international partnership, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has extended USD $100,000 in relief to Belizean cattle farmers devastated by Tropical Storm Sara. This collaborative effort, spearheaded by NEMO and the Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA), is a lifeline for livestock-dependent communities in the Belize River Valley and Crooked Tree.

The flooding from Tropical Storm Sara in November 2024 left fields submerged and resources scarce, forcing many farmers into dire straits. Beyond the immediate losses of livestock and destroyed pastures, the prolonged water coverage created lasting challenges to recovery. The USD $100,000 contribution is a beacon of hope for the region, offering a dual approach: immediate aid and sustainable recovery strategies.

The initiative will address urgent needs by distributing silage and mill feed to maintain livestock health. For long-term resilience, 200 farmers will be established with one-acre water-resistant Mombasa

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EDITORIAL

TAKE A LOOK AT US NOW!

Not so long ago, the nation watched in disbelief as then Prime Minister Dean Barrow, face morose and voice somber, stated that the country was screwed. He described an economy in ruin, so much so that he 'grieved for his poor Belize.' He offered no solution and hinted at no light at the end of the tunnel, proclaiming quite casually that no IFI would touch Belize, and that the IMF would certainly come calling, demanding its pound of flesh through retrenchment and the raising of taxes.

That was how the UDP left office in November 2020. Belize was not on the edge of the proverbial cliff but had fallen over. We were in the worst of the Covid pandemic. Tens of thousands of Belizeans had lost employment, with many more struggling by on drastic pay cuts. Businesses were closed. Industries were flatlining. Tourism was dead. Our debt to GDP ratio was ridiculously and perilously high, a result of the PM Barrow's stated policy of 'borrow and borrow until I can't borrow anymore.' The Government was borrowing a million dollars every day just to keep operating.

But take a look at us now, with a People's United Party led by the Hon. John Briceño. The transformation has been nothing short of incredible, fueled by hard work, determination, vision and competence.

Prior to 2020 elections, Belize's economy had contracted for consecutive quarters. By the second quarter of 2021, that trend was reversed. And the economy has continued to grow every quarter since then, faster than anyone could have believed. Today, our economy is strong and vibrant. In 2020, some in the financial sector were hinting at a possible devaluation. Today, our dollar is stronger than it has ever been.

What a difference an administration makes. One man grieved for a situation he and his worthless administration had created. But the Briceño administration had no time to grieve. One man claimed that no IFI would touch us. Today, our country enjoys the best of relationships with all our IFIs, regional and international partners. We have been lauded repeatedly by those IFIs for our commitment to project excellence, our competence and our integrity. We have been recognized and applauded regionally and internationally for our policy-driven growth and for visionary, bold governance. A small nation we may be, but our voice is now strong and respected. A far cry from where we were in 2020.

One man, back then, spoke about retrenchment and taxes. Under a Briceño administration, there has been no loss of jobs. In fact, the public service is growing in line with an expansion of services offered. And there have been no additional taxes to burden the Belizean people. NONE! In fact, the income tax threshold has been raised to $29,000, a move which will put more money in the pockets of many Belizeans.

The entire landscape of Belize has been transformed since 2020. It is important to recognize that the rebounding of the economy was not by accident. Nor is it a coincidence that our poverty rate has been cut in half within these last four years - a historic achievement - and our unemployment rate is at an unprecedented low. The People's United Party came into office with a mandate to serve, a commitment to do better for our people, and a clear set of goals contained in Plan Belize. It has taken sacrifice from our people, and hard work. We have seen the resilience of those who call Belize home, in full display these past four years. And we have been able to achieve so much because we have the full confidence and support of our people.

Together, always, we keep moving forward.

en Español

¡MÍRENNOS AHORA!

No hace mucho tiempo, la nación contemplaba incrédula cómo el entonces primer ministro Dean Barrow, con rostro malhumorado y voz sombría, declaraba que el país estaba jodido. Describió una economía en ruinas, tanto que «lloraba por su pobre Belice». No ofreció ninguna solución ni dejó entrever ninguna luz al final del túnel, proclamando con total despreocupación que ninguna Instituto Financiero Internacional (IFI) tocaría Belice, y que el Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) vendría sin duda a reclamar su libra de carne mediante recortes y subidas de impuestos.

Así fue como el UDP abandonó el poder en noviembre de 2020. Belice no estaba al borde del proverbial precipicio, sino que se había caído. Estábamos en lo peor de la pandemia de COVID. Decenas de miles de beliceños habían perdido su empleo, y muchos más luchaban por salir adelante con drásticos recortes salariales. Se cerraron empresas. Las industrias se hundían. El turismo estaba muerto. Nuestra relación deuda/PIB era ridícula y peligrosamente alta, resultado de la política declarada del Primer Ministro Barrow de «pedir prestado y pedir prestado hasta que no pueda pedir más». El Gobierno pedía prestado un millón de dólares cada día sólo para seguir funcionando.

Pero mírennos ahora, con un Partido Unido del Pueblo dirigido por el Honorable John Briceño. La transformación ha sido increíble, impulsada por el trabajo duro, la determinación, la visión y la competencia.

Antes de las elecciones de 2020, la economía de Belice se había contraído durante trimestres consecutivos. En el segundo trimestre de 2021, esa tendencia se había invertido. Y la economía ha seguido creciendo cada trimestre desde entonces, más rápido de lo que nadie podría haber creído. Hoy nuestra economía es fuerte y vibrante. En 2020, algunos en el sector financiero insinuaban una posible devaluación. Hoy, nuestro dólar es más fuerte que nunca.

Qué diferencia hace una administración. Un hombre se lamentaba por una situación que él y su inútil administración habían creado. Pero la administración Briceño no tuvo tiempo para lamentarse. Un hombre afirmó que ninguna IFI nos tocaría. Hoy, nuestro país disfruta de las mejores relaciones con todas nuestras IFI, socios regionales e internacionales. Esas IFI nos han elogiado repetidamente por nuestro compromiso con la excelencia de los proyectos, nuestra competencia y nuestra integridad. Hemos sido reconocidos y aplaudidos regional e internacionalmente por nuestro crecimiento impulsado por las políticas y por una gobernanza visionaria y audaz. Aunque seamos una nación pequeña, nuestra voz es ahora fuerte y respetada. Muy lejos de donde estábamos en 2020.

Un hombre, en aquel entonces, hablaba de recortes e impuestos. Bajo una administración Briceño, no ha habido pérdida de empleos. De hecho, el servicio público está creciendo en línea con una expansión de los servicios ofrecidos. Y no ha habido impuestos adicionales que graven al pueblo beliceño. NINGUNO. De hecho, el umbral del impuesto sobre la renta se ha elevado a 29.000 dólares, una medida que pondrá más dinero en los bolsillos de muchos beliceños.

Todo el paisaje de Belice se ha transformado desde 2020. Es importante reconocer que el repunte de la economía no fue por accidente. Tampoco es una coincidencia que nuestra tasa de pobreza se haya reducido a la mitad en estos últimos cuatro años -un logro histórico- y que nuestra tasa de desempleo se encuentre en un mínimo sin precedentes. El Partido Unido del Pueblo llegó al poder con un mandato de servicio, el compromiso de hacer las cosas mejor para nuestro pueblo y una serie de objetivos claros recogidos en el Plan Belice. Ha sido necesario el sacrificio de nuestro pueblo y el trabajo duro. En los últimos cuatro años hemos sido testigos de la resiliencia de quienes consideran Belice su hogar. Y hemos sido capaces de lograr tanto porque contamos con la plena confianza y el apoyo de nuestro pueblo.

Juntos, siempre, seguiremos avanzando.

RIVA BATTAM

The rock

UDP voters, those that are left, are caught in that proverbial place of great despair. On one hand, so to speak, there is the 'rock,' Mister Jamal Shyne Moses Ali Baba bin Laden Barrow. He is offering voters a big, fat nothing – no glitter, no substance, nada. As cousin Jules calls them, a rag-tag bunch of candidates that nobody knows. They have nothing to offer, and likely no great skill other than the ability to attach firmly to Shyne's bubby. Shyne has made no secret of the fact that his bubby is big and bountiful, and it has attracted a motley set indeed. We would weep were it not so outrageously funny. Not one of them has anything to offer to the Belizean people, much less to the country. Stay woke Belize, as our Aunty Tracy would say.

The hard place

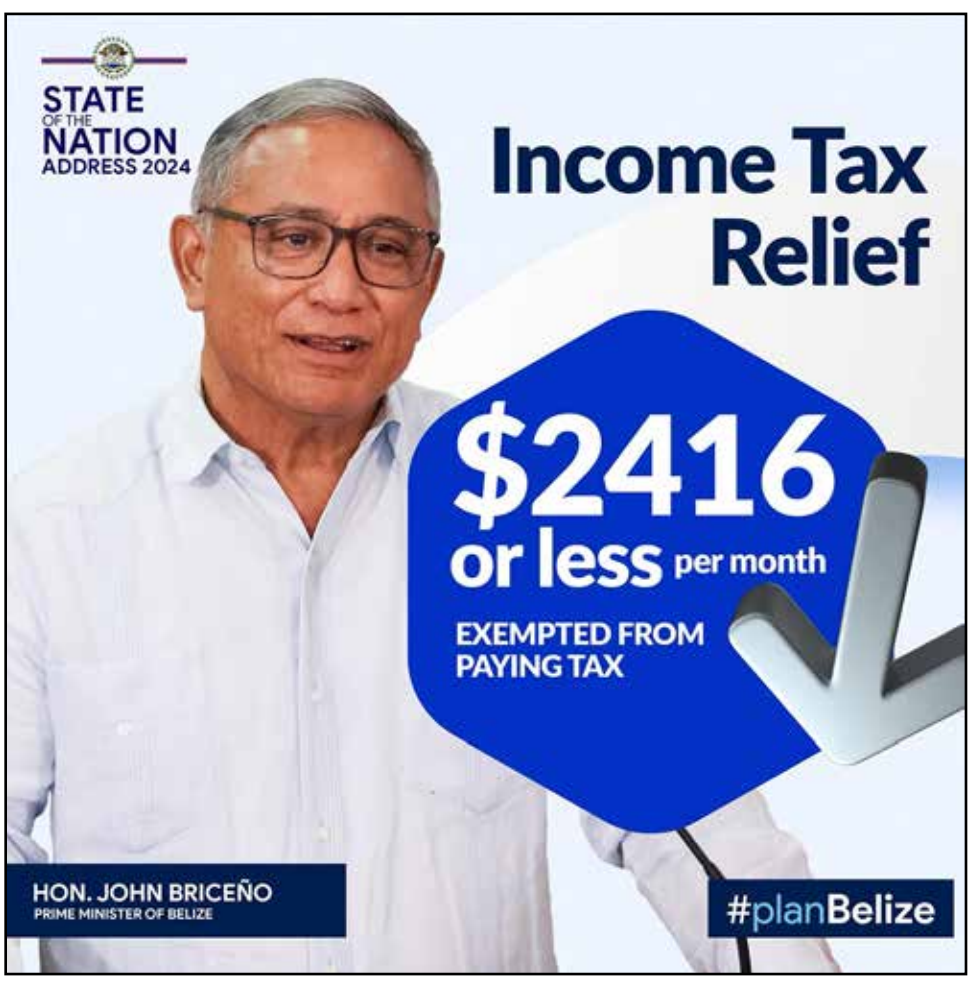
Speaking of Aunty Tracy, she dug deep in the sewer to come up with that bunch of cockroaches in her so-called Alliance. In 2020, the people of Belize disposed of the trash, and fih true true, in 2024 Tracy went to the garbage dump and brought them all back. There's old Uncle Boots, who always behaves like he hit his head on a rock, if you know what I mean. Then you have outside Uncle Edmund, who always look like he noh bathe fuh days. Don't take your eyes off Danny Mason's boytoy big John, who's always lurking in the shadows waiting for a tranche to come his way. And of course, Cousin Patrick, the man Shyne calls the 'hammer-man,' for good reason. There's even Mr. Portico, my compadre Erwin Contreras, who is back after a long vacation, probably at Puerto Azul. Aunty, fuh God's sake stop it.

Anwar

We haven't forgotten you, First Son who got filthy rich when daddy Dean was PM. Now we only see you in posts from your new home in Miami or trips to South Africa. You've living the life, bro, and all we can say is enjoy it while you can. One of these days soon the real story of Boledo will be told. One of these days soon Belizeans will know just how much you made off your deal with Brads and Boledo. A lot of people want to know who's giving Tracy bags to fund her unholy alliance. We know you have no love for your outside brother Jamal, and you certainly have the money to back former Minister Tracy who was in charge of Boledo when you got the contract. People are connecting the dots, and whatever is in the dark, will come to light.

Bunch of Fools

Self-proclaimed PUP spokesperson Cousin Jules had it right when he said Shyne and Tracy et al are just a bunch of fools. Man said it with passion too. The truth is that the Opposition has been a waste from day one and continues to be a waste. Nobody, not even in the UDP, knows who the leader is. Is it Shyne or is it Tracy? Now they're going to Court so the Court can decide who the leader is. That is the craziest thing we've ever heard. There are now two different UDPs, and both of them are totally dysfunctional. We don't always agree with Cousin Jules, but he's right. This is a bunch of fools, and the worst part is they are a delusional bunch of fools that want to run this country. We don't want to go so far as to say the UDP is dead, but let's just say that you can stick a fork in them, cause they're done.



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The leasehold property of Mr. German Tzul.		

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	3404
The freehold property of Mr. Enop Martinez.		

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Caribbean Shores	16	3654
Freehold property of Mr. Carlos and Ms. Chrisanta Tillett		

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First Woman Clerk of National Assembly

In early 2020 in spite of the pandemic, the Opposition People's United Party was doing its job—presenting a very credible, rational and viable Government for the people of Belize. This was tantamount to the utmost respect for a resilient population that had tolerated a corrupt and incompetent Barrow Government for too long and they were ready to make the change. The now worldwide acclaimed manifesto planBelize was then in the drafting and infancy stage but the proposals were monumental. Even the soon-to-be ousted UDP government was awed and gave kudos to the document planBelize. The 17 or so main sections were proposed to the people individually in mandatory hybrid pandemic-style. **One of the most important of sections was the Women and Family agenda.** The people elected a government that would see that everyone wins and that women were to be protected as equals to their male counterparts. The planBelize government delivered on that promise with CEO's, department heads, chairpersons, Senators, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and board members being women who wholesomely qualified. Now at the very end of this five-year mandate the policy is the same as exemplified with the most recent appointment of a career public servant at the National Assembly.

National Assembly Release: Appointment of Mrs. Clarita Pech as Clerk of the National Assembly of Belize

7th January 2025 — The National Assembly of Belize is pleased to announce the official appointment of Mrs. Clarita Pech as Clerk to the National Assembly, effective 2nd January 2025. With this appointment, Mrs. Pech becomes the first woman in Belize to hold the position of Clerk of the National Assembly of Belize.

Mrs. Pech has demonstrated exceptional leadership and administrative skills during her tenure as Acting Clerk, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the National Assembly and ensuring its smooth functioning. In addition to her procedural responsibilities as Clerk, she will continue in her role as the Accounting Officer for the offices of the Contractor General, the Ombudsman, and the Integrity Commission, underscoring her expertise and commitment to upholding transparency and accountability within Belize's parliamentary and public institutions.

With an extensive background in parliamentary and public sector management and a track record of excellence, Mrs. Pech is well-equipped to lead the Secretariat of the National Assembly in this new capacity. Her appointment is expected to further strengthen the operations and governance of the Assembly, as well as to support the democratic processes that underpin the nation's legislative framework.

In response to her appointment, Mrs. Pech expressed her gratitude and commitment to the role, stating, "that one of her primary focuses will be supporting the initiatives of parliament to increase awareness of its role and functions as well as ensuring the continuity of professional services, and of the expertise and advice available to the parliament, its members and staff across various parliaments."

The National Assembly of Belize offers its full support to Mrs. Pech in her new role and looks forward to her continued leadership in advancing the work of the Assembly. Mrs. Pech had been serving in the capacity of Acting Clerk.

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Taiwan's Support for Cattle Farmers

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grass pastures. These pastures will facilitate sustainable silage production, crucial during future climatic disruptions. In tandem, farmers will receive training in veterinary care, pasture management, and silage production, equipping them with essential tools to adapt and thrive.

Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management, aptly framed the effort as *"an investment in our farmers, their families, and our country's food security."* His words underscore the broader vision of this initiative—fostering agricultural sustainability and enhancing Belize's capacity to weather natural hazards.

This initiative is more than disaster relief; it reflects a forward-thinking strategy for building resilience and fortifying Belize's agricultural backbone. Taiwan's unwavering support exemplifies the transformative power of international cooperation, ensuring that farmers not only recover but emerge stronger in the face of future challenges.

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Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District; Belmopan City, Cayo District

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The freehold property of Mr. Elmer Jason Dominguez.		

2. Lot No. 14 Bladen Street Belmopan City, Cayo District:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Belmopan, Cayo District. The freehold property of Ms. Ruby Pascascio and Jesse Garcia

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Freehold property of Mr. Antonio Gutierrez.		

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	44
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

3. Parcel Nos. 618 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	61
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

4. Lagoon Front Parcel No. 2115 Near Mile 13 Placencia Road, Placencia Residences, Stann Creek District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2115
Freehold property of Mr. Dustin Bowen & Mrs. Jodie Bowen.		

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BELIZE BIDS FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR MICHELLE KWAN

Foreign Minister Francis Fonseca: "joined members of the Diplomatic Corps at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ in Belmopan to pay tribute and bid farewell to US Ambassador to Belize H.E Michelle Kwan. Ambassador Kwan has been a true friend of Belize and during her tour of duty has worked tirelessly to strengthen bilateral relations between Belize and the USA."

Today when you live under and in the magnified spotlight of the FB/Tik Tok/Insta/X social media and data driven world and are beloved, you are achieving and successful. Ambassador Her Excellency Dr. Michelle Kwan fits that description easily. In 2022, when the US Senate approved as ambassador to Belize the Honorary Doctor, Figure Skating Hall of Famer, winner of 40 titles, twice Olympic Gold Medalist and spokesperson of Disney and others, Belize as a country was elated to receive her. Coming to Belize was not the greatest event for Dr. Kwan in 2022 as becoming a mother in January 2022 is definitely the number 1 but H.E. Michelle Kwan fit into Belize arguably as best as any other ambassador in memory.

So as ambassadorial assignments go, Michelle Kwan has begun to make her rounds in Belize in farewell of a country that she has introduced to her. Family as a second home. And yes there is a most welcome open invitation to her to return as much as she wishes.

Prime Minister John Briceño has described her as humble and down to earth person who is easy to work with. She is missed already.

HE Kwan takes credit for nothing but we can place plenty at her feet. The broadest and all-encompassing of awards received by Belize under the watch of HE Kwan was the Millennium Challenge Corporation, referred to as MCC, Compact. This award from the MCC brought US$20 Million to be transparently used in Belize to benefit Education programs and Energy projects both geared to curb poverty in a long-lasting way. She, as is her wont, shares the credit for that global-level recognition of Belize's planBelize democratic policies.

Belize security forces will miss Ambassador Kwan. Again, during her time in Belize US forces were everywhere in the jewel lending aid. The Coast Guard, BDF and Police benefitted with aid and training to protect the Belizean people. Human Trafficking and Drug Trafficking took an instant blow as the US Embassy in Belize with Kwan at the helm saw that Belize was optimally equipped to combat these persistent global and regional problems. Belize as a destination for tourists automatically received a perpetual ad. It even seemed as if Kwan was Belize's Ambassador to the world. She famously released a video extolling on the natural beauty of the country and her people. Ambassador Michelle Kwan was immensely respectful of Belizean culture as she blended seamlessly with a people that reciprocated with kindness.

On January 7, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted Prime Minister Briceño, Foreign Minister Fonseca, and CEO H.E. Amalia Mai bade farewell to H.E. Michelle Kwan, outgoing U.S. Ambassador to Belize, at a farewell event. The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister specifically acknowledged Ambassador Kwan's contributions to and support of strengthening bilateral relations.

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

29 + 1 PARCELS OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE SEASIDE SUBDIVISION ORCHID BAY, COROZAL DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Chargees, Messrs. Great Land Lender LLC, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales running currently and will expire fortnightly on the website until these properties are sold.

1. ***29 PARCELS OF LAND:***

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	1065 1092 1093 1094 1097 1098 1099 1100 1106 1111 1126 1143 1145 1152 1153 1154 1155 1156 1210 1211 1212 1623 1624 1625 1626 1629 1631 1635 1636

(Being 29 properties at various stages of development situate within the seaside subdivision called Orchid Bay situate in the Corozal District of Belize, the freehold properties of Messrs. Point Alegre Development Limited)

2. ***PARCEL NO. 1090:***

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	1090
The freehold property of Messrs. Point Alegre Development Ltd.		

(Being an elevated concrete dwelling house [1,485 sq. ft.] situate within the seaside sud-division known as Orchid Bay situate in the Corozal District of Belize, the freehold property of Messrs. Point Alegre Development Limited

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Inauguration Ceremony

Santa Elena Access Road to the Corozal Free Trade Zone

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Prime Minister

Hon. John Briceño

January 9, 2025

Good morning to all present.

Muy buenos días a todos los presentes.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the presence Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai – Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise; Hon. Osmond Martinez – Minister of State for the Ministry of Foreign Trade; Mr. Jaime Roberto Diaz Palacios – Executive Vice President of CABEI or as we say in Spanish BCIE; Mr. Emil Grinage – Chairman of the Corozal Free Zone; Mr. Neri Ramirez – CEO of the Corozal Free Zone; and all other distinguished guests.

It is with immense pride and honour that I stand before you today as we mark the inauguration of the **Corozal Free Zone Access Road**, a milestone achievement for our beloved country. This project is not just a new road; it is a pathway to increased economic opportunities, connectivity, and progress for the people of Corozal and beyond. This greatly improved access road also enhances the first impression to Belize's gateway to ancient Chactemal, Corozal. An especially important landmark reminding us that, along with our neighbours to the North and West, Belize is an important part of the Mundo Maya.

For decades, the Corozal Free Zone has been a vital engine of our economy. It contributes a remarkable 13% of our country's GDP and provides direct jobs to over 1,600 workers and the economic activity generated at the Free Zone further creates indirect employment to an additional 1,400 hard-working Belizeans. In 2024 the Corozal Free Zone contributed $9.1m US to the Government of Belize through a social tax levied on businesses in the Free Zone.

With the opening of this 1.6-kilometer access road, we are not only enhancing access but also opening the door to a brighter future. This road will make it easier for businesses to grow, for visitors to come, and for the people of Corozal to thrive.

However, this project is about more than just transport or infrastructure. It is about transformation. It is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with a vision for a greater Belize. Under the PlanBelize Medium Term Development Strategy, this road speaks directly to Pillar #6: Economic Transformation and Growth. What does that mean? It means creating opportunities that change lives, investing in infrastructure that fuels growth, and building a Belize where no one is left behind.

This project is not just about today—it is about the Belize of tomorrow, about the future of our country. It is proof that when we invest in the right places, we can create a ripple effect of opportunity that transforms entire regions. This access road will boost trade with our neighbors in Mexico, making it easier for goods to flow between our countries and it will fortify the deep ties of friendship and commerce that unite us. It will also have a significant impact on tourism. Visitors will now have smoother, safer, and faster access to Corozal and beyond, creating more opportunities for businesses and communities to benefit.

And while we celebrate this milestone, we are already looking ahead. This initiative is just the beginning. It demonstrates what is possible, and it sets the stage for similar projects, like the development of the Free Zone at our western border. I must also mention that Cabinet has approved the creation of this zone into a Special Border Entertainment Zone with Designated Processing Area (DPA) status allowing for special incentives to investors in this particular area.

If we can do it here, we can do it again. This is how we build the Belize we all dream of. A Belize where growth and progress are felt not just in the cities but in every town, every village, and every family.

The journey to this moment began in **December 2023**, when the project received approval from CABEI. Shortly thereafter, we broke ground in **January 2024**, and by **February 2024**, construction was underway. Today, less than a year later, we see the fruits of that labour, a testament to what can be achieved when we work together, with a plan.

This remarkable project was made possible through the combined efforts of many stakeholders.

- The **Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)**, which generously provided **1.9 million Belize dollars** in grant funding.
- The **Government of Belize**, contributing **1 million Belize dollars,** demonstrating our steadfast commitment to national development.
- The **Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)**, which supported the initiative with **200,000 Belize dollars,** emphasizing the importance of sustainable and environmentally conscious development.
- The **Corozal Free Zone (CZF)** itself, which played a crucial role with a contribution of **150,000 Belize dollars**.

These combined efforts represent not just financial backing but are a symbol of what we can achieve together. It is proof that progress is possible when we work hand in hand to make it happen.

The Corozal Free Zone Access Road will undoubtedly have a transformative impact on the region. It will streamline the flow of goods and services, improve connectivity, and create new opportunities for businesses and communities. Moreover, it symbolizes our government's dedication to building infrastructure that drives economic growth while ensuring inclusivity and sustainability.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in making this project a reality—the engineers, contractors, labourers, and every individual who contributed their skills and efforts. I also extend my congratulations to the Board and Management of the Corozal Free Zone Management Agency for the vision and all investors and workers that come to work daily.

So today, as we open this access road, let it serve as a lasting symbol of what we can achieve when vision, collaboration, and determination come together. Let it inspire us to dream bigger, to work harder, and to continue building a Belize where every citizen feels progress. Together, we are not just paving roads—we are paving the way to a future filled with promise, unity, and prosperity for all.

Thank you.

Muchas Gracias por estar con nosotros hoy.

VIOLATION TICKETS

PROTECTING CONSUMERS

SCU Steps Up Enforcement Efforts

8th January 2025 - The Supplies Control Unit (SCU) is intensifying its commitment to safeguarding consumers and ensuring fair business practices across Belize. With rising global inflation putting pressure on household budgets, the SCU's compliance campaign has become critical in regulating pricing and ensuring retailers adhere to the Supplies Control (Prices) Regulations.

Over the past year, the SCU issued 153 tickets to businesses violating consumer protection rules. Notably, San Pedro Town topped the list with twenty-nine (29) violations, followed by the Cayo and Belize Districts. Even as multiple offenders face scrutiny, the SCU bolsters its efforts with expanded measures to improve compliance and reach.

1. Engagement with NEMO San Pedro to train designated persons to identify violations and issue tickets, especially in times of emergency. A training package has been developed, and training sessions are to be completed.
2. Engagement with the Belmopan City Council to report violators to the Trade Licensing Board and identify means of facilitating residents with filing complaints.
3. Approval of additional personnel and the opening of regional offices in the Orange Walk District and Independence Village.
4. Expansion of surveillance activities to the wholesale segment of the distribution chain.

These measures highlight the SCU's proactive stance in protecting consumers while fostering a culture of compliance. As the public remains vigilant in reporting suspected violations, businesses are reminded of their role in maintaining ethical practices.

ESTABLISHMENTS ISSUED VIOLATION TICKETS

Offering for Sale Above the Control Price

Corozal: Fry's Store, Summer Holiday Store, Ban Store, Happy Family Store

Orange Walk: Yeezy Shopping, CY Supermarket, 123 Supermarket, A Mart, Sugar City Supermarket, J & Sons Store

Cayo: James Shopping Center, Jing Pan Tan, Uncle & Liu Store, ATM Supermarket, Franco's Store, Sunny City Supermarket, Daily Superstore, Hua Yong Store, Fansico Supermarket, 1168 Shopping Center, Daily Superstore, Liang's Mart, H&D Convenience Store

Belize District: CT Mart, Lord's Bank Supermarket, Fa Shop, Belize City: B&H Shop, Discount Supermarket, Lina's Store, Bosco's Supermarket, Lucky Star Supermarket, New Road Supermarket, Amin Supermarket, Eric Supermarket

Caye Caulker: Prime Supermarket, Caye Caulker Shopping Mart, Sunrise Shopping Center, Amigos Store, China Town Supermarket, JC Max Shopping

San Pedro: Caye Value Store, Richie's Supermarket, Coco Store, San Pedrano Grocery Store, Paradise City Shop

Stann Creek: king's Supermarket, Anna Store, J Mart

Toledo: WeMart

Failure to Display Price for Controlled Good

Corozal: Ding Feng Store, Da Chang Shop, Circle K Supermarket, Huan Huan Supermarket, Chang Fa Store

Orange Walk: SunLuck Shop, Ring Store, Yi Li Store

Cayo: Chen's Shop, 99 Supermarket, San Martin Payless Supermarket, M&Y Shopping Center, Father's Supermarket, 1&1 Supermarket

Belize District: Jackie's 8 Mile Fast Food and Bakery, Shun Yuan Store,

Belize City: R&I Snack Shop, J&Y Shop, New Moon Ltd, T&W Store, Friendly Store, Seven Day Shop, S7a Store, Wasco Company Ltd, Dollar Grocery, Wasco Company Ltd, Good Fortune Shop, Shagotom P. Services, Ying Ying Shop, Bosco's Supermarket

San Pedro: Tan's Mart, Best Price Store, San Pedro Village Supermarket, K-Mart, Cost Less Convenience Store, 21 Store, Paradise City Shop, Richie's Supermarket, ABN City Shop, San Pedrano Grocery Store

Stann Creek: B&G Store, Hugh Huang Store, Dong Chang Supermarket, First Choice Supermarket, Hin Kee Store

Toledo: Eternal Super Store, Brad's Store, Tim's Shopping Center, BJ Store, Sunshine Supermarket

Offering for Sale Above the Control Price for Regulated Item

Corozal: Kelly Supermarket. Henry Supermarket,

Orange Walk: Jia Lu Store, La La Store, A Mart Company Ltd, Sugar City Supermarket

Cayo: Double M Store, Lucky Zhau Store

Belize District: Ice Cold Shop

Belize City: Ming Ai Supermarket

San Pedro: Village Supermarket, Caye Value Store, Best Price Grocery Store, Tan's Mart Supplies, Richie's Supermarket, San Pedro K-Mart, Cost Less Convenience Store, Local Grocery

Stann Creek: Harlem Super Store, Placencia Supermarket, 9&9 Store

Fail to Display Price for Regulated Item

Corozal: Tommy Store

Orange Walk: Zhen Zhen Shop, MH Store

Cayo: Super J Convenience Store, 8&8 Super Store, Jing Feng Store, Tai Fu Store, Carre Four Store, TJ Supermarket

Belize District: Vin Li Shopping Center

Belize City: J&N Supermarket, Best Buy, Keffy Shop, Highway Store, Galaxy Supermarket, Juned Grocery Shop, Diamond Grocery, Shagotom P. Services

San Pedro: Local Grocery, Maha Superkarket, Cost Less Convenience Store, 21 Store, C&Y Store

Stann Creek: Havanna Supermarket, Price Is Right, Village Store, AC Village Supermarket, Everyday Supermarket, Sea Side Supermarket, Lala Supermarket

Failure to Furnish Records of Cost

San Pedro: ABN City Shop

REPORT SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS TO 607-4686

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF) III CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FINANCE COORDINATOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

The **Government of Belize (GOBZ)** has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a **Finance Coordinator.**

The objective of the consultancy is to strengthen the financial capacity of BSIF. The Consultant will be responsible for the formulation and operation of the financial system, preparing budgetary and financial reports, financial statements, the annual budget, withdrawals, and disbursement requests and supervising the internal audits and management information system. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below or can be found as an attachment to this REOI.

BSIF now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

(a) the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and

(b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB's website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the **first address** below between **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time)** hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the **first address** (BSIF) below (submissions@sifbelize.org) and copied to (stephanie.rodriguez@sifbelize.org) no later than **Monday, 3rd February 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time)**. An electronic copy of the EOI must be simultaneously emailed to CDB at the **second address** below. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked **"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Finance Coordinator for BSIF"**.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. BSIF reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Addresses:

1. Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan
BELIZE
Tel. (501) 822-0239; Fax. (501) 822-0279
Email: submissions@sifbelize.org
cc: stephanie.rodriguez@sifbelize.org

2. Caribbean Development Bank
Email: procurement@caribank.org
cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org

Elections and Boundaries Department

Visit the Buena Vista Village in the Cayo District

The public is hereby notified that a team of officers from the Elections and Boundaries Department will be visiting the village below in the Cayo District to accept applications for registration as electors and delivery of voter identification cards.

The will visit Buena Vista Village on the 5th of January, 2025: Target Group includes •Buena Vista, •Selena, •San Marcos, •Santa Teresita, •La Gracia, •Yalbac, •Georgeville. This is at the Buena Vista Community Center for 9am to 4pm.

To qualify to register, you must be:

- Eighteen years of age or over; and
- A citizen of Belize; or A citizen of any Commonwealth country who has ordinarily reside in Belize for a period of not less than twelve months; and
- A resident for a period of not less than two months in the electoral division in which you seek registration.

To facilitate the process, persons are required to produce any of the following valid original documents:

- Belizean birth certificate, or Belize nationality certificate, along with (Social Security Card or photograph certified, stamped and signed by a Justice of the Peace); or
- Belizean Passport; or
- Commonwealth Passport (for Commonwealth Citizens)

Persons who have been registered as electors since 2nd July 2018 and have not yet picked up their voter's identification card can pick up their identification cards. Also, residents of the listed villages are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Get Your Name on the Electoral Roll Today and Have Your Vote Counted!!

Port Authority: Facilitating Smooth Movement of Vessels Within Belize

Progress brings problem, is a saying even used by George Price himself. In the past four years, progress in Belize has attracted Trumpian fake news and anti-progress, spiteful rhetoric from a zombie opposition who has spent four years trying to make the people forget 13 years of their UDP infamy, corruption and incompetence. After four years, with the prospect of remaining in Opposition for another fifteen years there is rank desperation from the UDP media and these zombie remnants of a UDP that, in 2024, further deteriorated (yes further) into two, one based on the incompetence of the party and the other on the corruption. So it is no surprise that our government arms and departments have spent (wasted) considerable time dispelling fear-mongering, fact-checking and on debunking UDP statements. Today's Opposition has corrupted what an Opposition is supposed to be—putting forth credible alternative solutions to Government proposed and executed policy. Today's UDP has totally thrown away that concept expecially since the plan-Belize government's success has made it extremely difficult for Opposition. It is easy for the Opposition to just agree with all the great work the government is doing. Otherwise, the Opposition just spews out nonsensicals.

Belize Port Authority release: "In relation to comments shared on a recent talk show, the Belize Port Authority (BPA) informs that as part of our commitment to continuous improvement and in preparation for the upcoming IMO Member State Audit (IMSAS) in November 2025, we have embarked on enhancing our operations through several modernization initiatives. One such ongoing project is the development of a Maritime Single Window (MSW) platform in collaboration with Barbados Port Inc. This project will facilitate the smooth movement of vessels within Belize, ensuring full compliance with the requirements of the International Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL Convention).

While the BPA has been in communication with other entities for further enhancement through modernization, we have not entered into any contractual arrangements with any other entity for the completion of its modernization plan."

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

RE-PUBLICATION OF NOTICE ISSUED ON DECEMBER 13, 2024

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

Selection of an Individual Consultant

Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas

BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)

BL-L1045-P00011- National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works

1. The ***Government of Belize*** (the "Borrower") has received financing from the ***Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*** (the "Bank") toward the cost of ***Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas***. The ***Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF)***, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): ***National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works.*** More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference.

2. An individual consultant will be selected under procedures, in accordance with the Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Services financed by the IDB (GN-2350-15) which can be found at the following website: **www.iadb.org/procurement**.

3. Interested eligible consultants may obtain a complete set of documents and further information at the address given below from Mondays – Friday, ***8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*** **(Local Belize Time)**.

4. Your expression of interest accompanied by your curriculum vitae should be submitted by ***January 30, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)***, in writing to the address given below. The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked ***"Expression of Interest – National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works."***

Address for requesting documents and information

Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
cc: carlos.tun@sifbelize.org

Address for submitting CV

Attention: Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
carlos.tun@sifbelize.org
cc: kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Rosa M. Cuellar** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rosa's Beer To Go"** located in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jilan Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dream Shop"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marianela Dominguez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Elena's Family Store"** located in San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Antonio Esquivel** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Antonios Place"** located in Indian Church Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vianny Moh** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"D-Spot"** located in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rene A. Funes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sweet Cool Spot"** located in Trinidad Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Roxannie I. Martinez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Roxy's Store"** located in Trinidad Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jeremy Spooner** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Spoonaz Photo Café & Bar"** located at # 89 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Economy and Food Security

Signing of Matching Grant Fund Agreements Beekeeping Producer Organizations w/ GoB Through RRB

On Monday, December 23, 2024, the Green Creek Farmer's Cooperative from San Jose, Toledo, and the Orange Walk Beekeepers Cooperative Society from Yo Creek, Orange Walk, signed Matching Grant Fund Agreements (MGA) with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and the Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) program. The RRB program is funded by the GOB, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and is being implemented by MED. The main objective of the MGAs is to provide resources and technical assistance to improve the volume and quantity of the two Producer Organizations' (POs) agricultural production, organizational capacity, and marketing/value-added, while safeguarding food security in the context of existing and projected climate change effects. The Matching Grant Fund is the main instrument through which this assistance is provided.

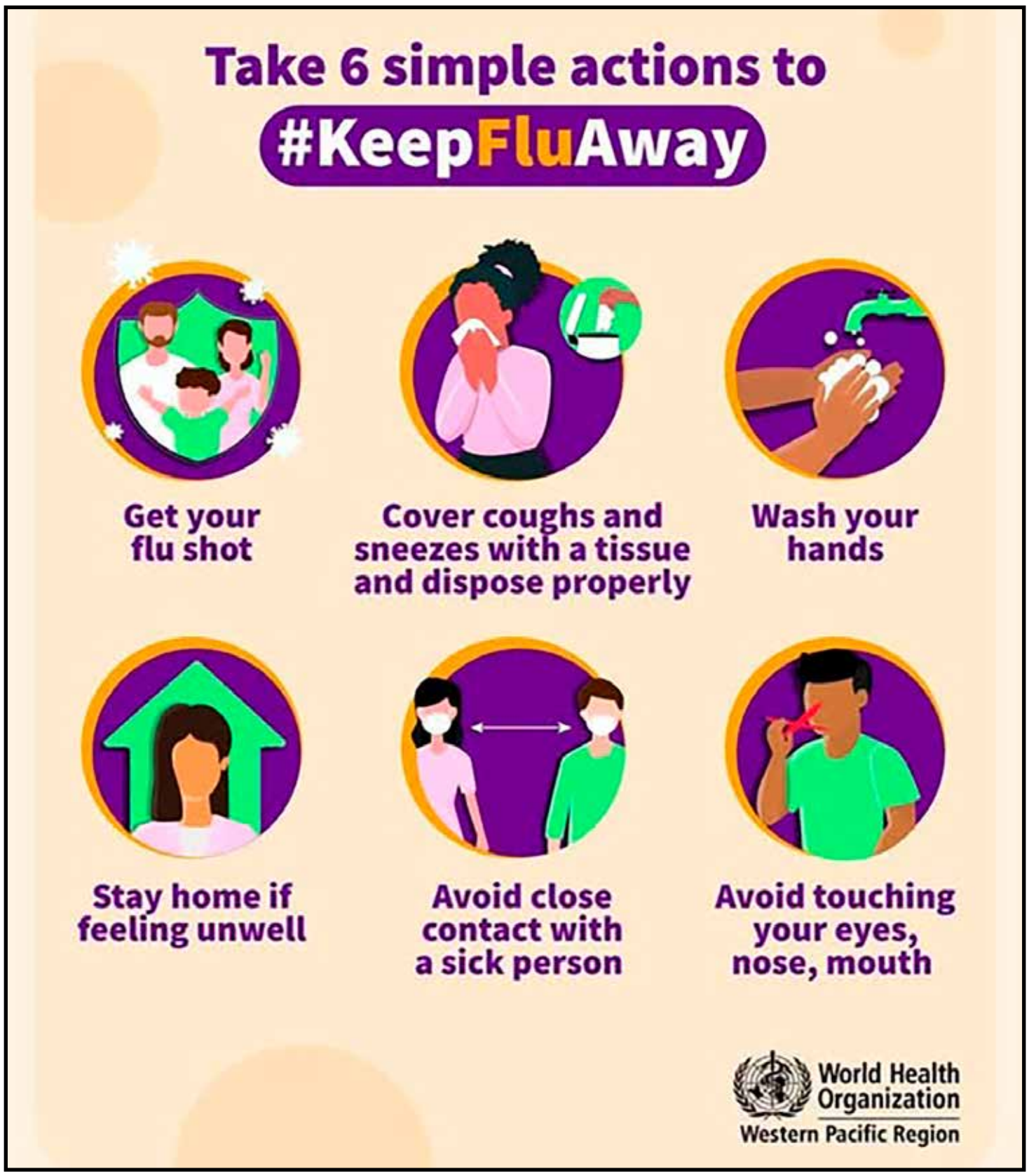
The Green Creek Farmer's Cooperative is a registered organized group founded in 1982, and is based in San Jose Village, Toledo District. The Green Creek Farmer's Cooperative is comprised of fifty-nine individuals, consisting of members from three generations who were all born and raised in San Jose, and are all native Belizeans.

The main objective of this investment is honey production. The Co-operative intends to introduce beekeeping operations within the community forest conservation area through implementation of beekeeping best practices. Most of the Mayan villagers are farmers whose primary crops are cacao, corn, rice, and beans. Additional crops include spicy peppers and Pepitos, which are currently sold across the border in Guatemala. The total investment under the Matching Grant Agreement is BZE $60,725.50, with the MED/RRB Contribution being $51,602.95, and the Cooperative contributing $6,072.55 in cash and $3,050.00 in kind. In addition, the village of San Jose will be the recipient of a road enhancement project for 5 miles of community/farm road valued at BZE$5 million.

The Orange Walk Beekeepers Cooperative Society LTD was legally registered on May 13, 2022, and is based in Yo Creek Village. Currently, the Cooperative has 20 members carrying out good beekeeping practices in the rural communities of Orange Walk District, and six members who are pioneers of apiculture farming in Belize. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the cooperative members have knowledge and experience in beekeeping operations. Additionally, the Cooperative is planning to work with youth from technical/agricultural schools to introduce them to bookkeeping.

The Cooperative's members come from several rural areas in the Orange Walk district. And as a result, their hives are located in eight rural communities including San Antonio, Carmelita, Palmar, Yo Creek, Trial Farm, Douglas, San Esteban, and San Lazaro villages. The main objective of this investment is to produce world-class honey of the highest consistent quality, reliability and convenience based. The total investment under this MGA is $239,754.90 with MED/RRB contributing $204,000.00, and the Cooperative contributing $23,975.49 in cash and 11,987.74 in kind.

Signing on behalf of GOB was Mr. Carlos Pol, acting CEO in the Ministry of Economic Development. Signing on behalf of the Green Creek Farmer's Cooperative was its Chairman, Mr. Thomas Coh, and signing on behalf of the Orange Walk Beekeepers Cooperative Society was its Chairperson, Ms. Illana Ayuso.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Get your flu shot
Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose properly
Wash your hands
Stay home if feeling unwell
Avoid close contact with a sick person
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth
World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

Congratulations

Ministry of Religious Affairs To The Catholic Diocese on the Opening of the Jubilee Year

Belmopan, Monday 6th January 2025 – The Ministry of Religious Affairs extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Catholic Church Diocese of Belize on the successful commencement of their Jubilee Year, themed Spes Non Confundit – Hope Does Not Disappoint. The opening mass and ceremony, held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 10 AM in Belmopan, marked a profound spiritual milestone with the opening of the first Holy Door.

The Jubilee Year, a period of special significance in the Catholic Church, offers a unique opportunity for the faithful to renew their faith and seek spiritual renewal. The theme, Spes Non Confundit – Hope Does Not Disappoint, draws from the deeply inspiring message of hope, reminding us of the enduring strength found in faith and the reassurance that hope never fails.

The opening of the Holy Door, a tradition rich in symbolism, represents the invitation to enter a deeper relationship with God and the promise of forgiveness and grace. This act is a direct reflection of the Papal Bull, a formal decree issued by the Holy See, which underscores the importance of mercy, hope, and reconciliation during this sacred time.

The Ministry recognizes the profound impact of this Jubilee Year on the Catholic community and beyond, fostering unity, reflection, and spiritual growth. We commend the Diocese for their dedication and commitment to guiding the faithful through this transformative journey.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we join in prayer and solidarity, embracing the theme of hope that unites us all. The Ministry of Religious Affairs encourages the community to participate actively in the events and opportunities for reflection offered throughout this Jubilee Year. (release)

PUP OWC
ORANGE WALK CENTRAL PRESENTS
YOUR VOTE
YOUR VOICE
Flyer Competition
Get Creative. Inspire Change. Lead the Future.
Design a flyer that encourages youths to register to vote and take control of their future. Your voice matters—now let your creativity speak!
Prizes
1st Prize: $500
2nd Prize: $300
3rd Prize: $200
Winning flyers will be printed and displayed across Orange Walk and featured in the official voter registration campaign. This is your chance to drive change and be part of something big!
Rules and Guidelines
Eligibility: - Open to Youths from Orange Walk only.
Theme: - Designs must encourage youth voter registration and align with the theme "Your Vote, Your Voice".
Submission Limit: You can submit multiple designs—there's no limit to your creativity!
Flyers will be posted on social media—the more likes and shares your design receives, the more points you earn.
Official Colors and Logos:
Use brand colors and logos from the provided drive link in your designs.
Submit Entries to office@pupowcentral.com
Please include Full Name and Contact #
All entries must be submitted by Jan 24th 2025
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3rd January 2025

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Interested parties can comment to the PUC on this application by emailing telecom@puc.bz within two weeks of this publication.

5th George Price Day Celebrated

In 2023, The National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) through the Institute for Social and Cultural Research, in collaboration with the Belize Archives and Records Service, the Belize National Library Service and Information System, the George Price Centre for Peace and Development and the University of Belize, announced the launch of the 'Let Belize Live: Speeches from the Premier' Exhibit. The now we can call 'successful' goal was to inspire national pride, patriotism and nation- building. This exhibit was held in honour of the Father of the Nation, the Rt. Hon. George Price. The exhibition featured 12 speeches made during his time as Premier of Belize from 1964 to 1981. The exhibition was formally opened at the George Price Centre for Peace and Development which is now being used temporarily as the National Assembly building for House and Senate sittings.

Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, expressed the commitment of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology and that of its line agencies, to understand, share, preserve and promote the unique and unparalleled legacy of the Rt. Hon. George Price. This effort is truly carried out by a nation that follows George Price now a couple decades after he stepped down from formal leadership of the People's United Party and now 14 years after his passing. November 19 Service Day is getting bigger and bigger as is mantra based on SERVICE grows into the fabric of his beloved Nation Belize. As we remember his at every National event, passage of Laws, Drawing of Manifestos, and, of course, at Elections, everyone that met him or simply knows his name draws on even an iota of energy from George Price's larger-than-life legacy to make the best decisions for Belize. Case in point today: planBelize was George Price inspired and executed with him guiding the so much vaunted Northstar.

The Right Hon. George Price was born on 15 January 1919 to Captain William Cadle Price and Irene Cecilia Escalante nee Price.

For his significant contributions to the country and the people of Belize, as National Hero and Father of the Nation, this year is the fifth commemoration of George Price Day.

During his political leadership, Mr. Price held many important positions including: Member of Belize City Council | Member of the Legislative Council | Associate Member for Natural Resources | Mayor of Belize City | Member for Natural Resources | Member of the Executive Council | Member of the Legislative Assembly | First Minister of Belize | Premier of Belize | Chairman of Cabinet | Member of the House of Representatives | Prime Minister | Minister of Finance and Economic Development | Chairman of the Reconstruction and Development Corporation (RECON DEV) | Minister of Defence and NEMO

In 2000, the Right Hon. Price was conferred with the Order of National Hero by the Government of Belize.

The Right Hon. Price passed away on 19 September 2011.

The premier's speeches will be published once more by the Belize Times one per week. We must remind readers that the book is available at several outlets.

Introduction(In the booklet)

The Rt. Hon. George Price, more than anyone else, is unquestionably the foremost symbol of Belize's struggle for self-government and independence. His legacy continues to be admired, discussed, and studied in an effort to develop our national identity and national consciousness. For this very reason, we are pleased to present a set of iconic speeches that will help students, researchers and citizens engage more thoroughly with Mr. Price's legacy and contribute to the development of Belize.

This booklet entitled, "Let Belize Live: Speeches of the Premier," centers on twelve speeches curated in an exhibition of the same name in honor of George Price Day and unveiled at the George Price Centre for Peace and Development on January 13, 2023. It includes several well-known and other less-known speeches issued or delivered during Mr. Price's term as the

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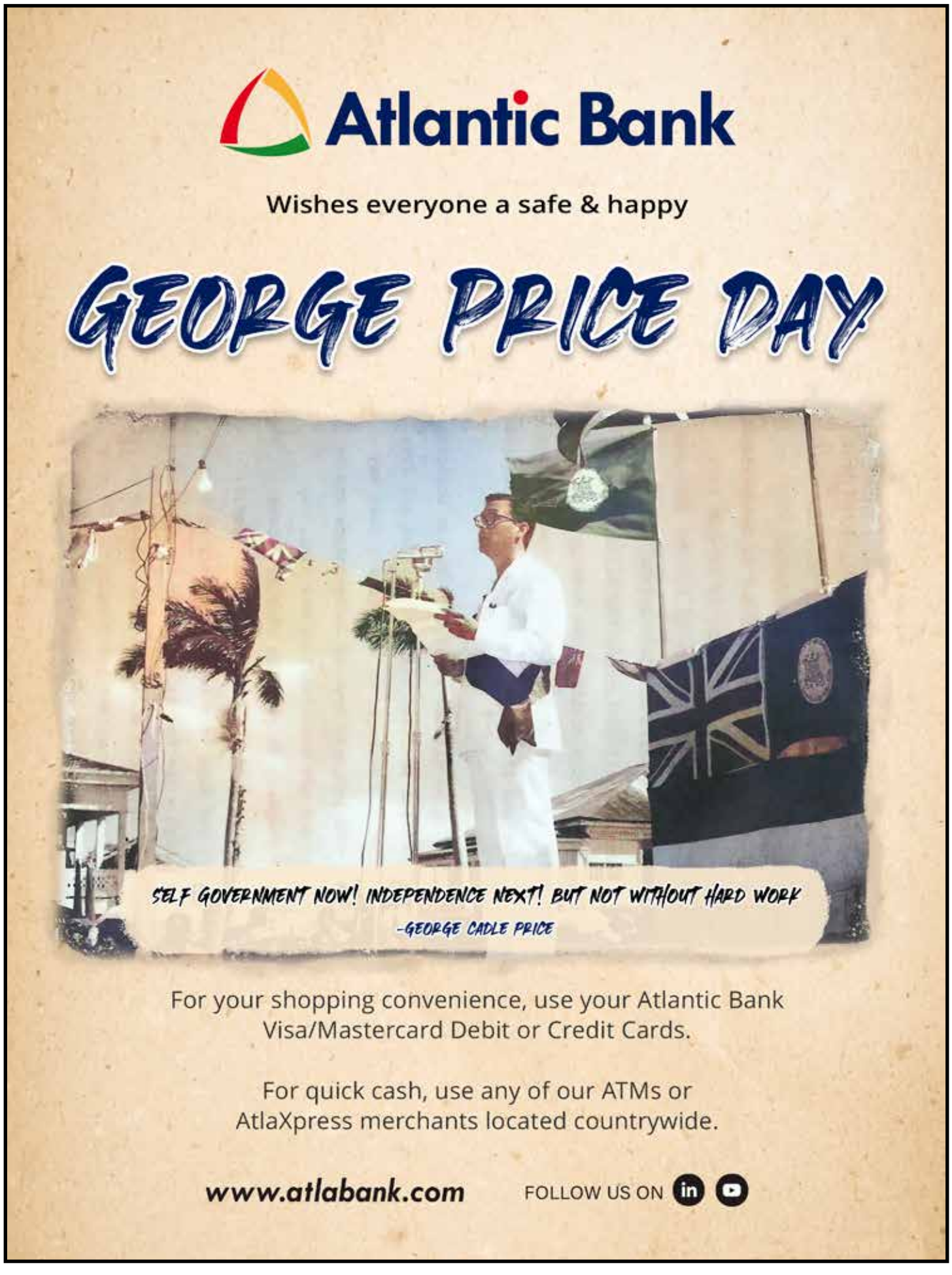
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Premier of Belize, 1964-1981. We have included the September 25, 1981, Statement at the United Nations deliberately because although Mr. Price was by then the Prime Minister of Belize, his statement recaps the arduous work during his tenure as the Premier and re-articulates his vision for Belize's future when he said:

As we become a member of the world community, we hear the question asked: What is Belize and its People? And how will they fit among you? In reply: Belize is a Caribbean and Central American nation which works and lives a revolution that is peaceful, constructive, new, progressive, and Belizean. It is our own, with all our national attributes, land and resources.

These twelve speeches are only a prelude, an appetizer if you will. Our objective is to produce a special series of collectible books from these records with the "Let Belize Live: Speeches of the Premier, Father of the Nation George Price, Vol. 1" to be made available in print and ebook format on National Heroes and Benefactors Day 2023. We also recognize that in our internet-driven world, open- access information is necessary for our students and researchers. On this note, we have digitized and made available a collection of more than sixty speeches from the

Office of the Premier on the Government of Belize's new education portal: the 501 Academy. This selection of speeches is only a small part of a larger project to index more than thirty boxes of archival records from the Office of the Premier Collection in order to make them readily and efficiently available for researchers, students, and the general public.

The publication of these speeches will have two broad benefits. First, it serves to inform readers about events and discourses that have shaped our current political, social, and economic realities. For example, the speeches encourage us to explore these five thematic questions "Why was St. George's Caye Day transformed into National Day during self-government?"; "What development plan was achieved and envisioned for the emerging Belize?"; "How were social and cultural celebrations made part of the nation-building process?"; "How did we defend our sovereignty against all opposition?"; and "What key messages unified the Belizean people at the brink of independence?". The answers to these questions are in part available, implicitly and explicitly, across the wide variety of pronouncements, statements, and addresses delivered or issued by the Office of the Premier.

Secondly, this initiative encourages citizens, especially our students, to be inspired by the words and actions of Mr. Price. Despite his status as a National Hero and Father of the Nation, Mr. Price was not attracted to the grandeur of heroism but rather more dedicated to serving the Belizean people. From his anti-colonialist defiance in his clamors for self-government to his diplomatic and political maneuvering for independence, Mr. Price made many friends, followers, and believers in the idea of Belize, a new nation in the heart of the Caribbean and Central American basin. It is our hope that Mr. Price's speeches will attract and nurture new nation-builders because, as he would say, "much work has been done, but more is yet to be done".

We give thanks to the leadership of the Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, and the renewed effort of the National Institute of Culture and History and the Belize Archives and Records Service to make Belize's documentary heritage relevant, available, and accessible to all. Additionally, we are very pleased that graduates from the University of Belize History Program and staff of the Belize National Library Service and Information System have provided their expertise and resources to this endeavor. We must also thank the George Price Centre for Peace and Development and its Board of Directors and staff who graciously agreed to host the exhibition. Special mention is given to the entire Price family, Rudolph Castillo Jr., Dr. John Waight, Norris Hall, and the many photographers, documenters, and record-keepers who make their photographs, records, and memories of Mr. Price available for the benefit of the nation.

Rolando Cocom, Acting Director at ISCR-NICH Kevin Montero, Director at BARS | Delmer Tzib, History Lecturer at UB | Carlos Quiroz, NSP Coordinator at MoECST

HAPPY GEORGE PRICE DAY

January 15

On Behalf of Party Leader and PM John Briceño, Deputy PM Cordel Hyde, Regional Party Leaders, Chairman Hon. Henry Usher, The PUP National Executive, and the rest of the PUP Family.

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Message from NDACC-MoHW to us

Ministry of Agriculture, BAHA and others

Keeping Export of Cattle viable; battling to keep Belize NWS-free

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Hon. Ramon Cervantes w/ MIDH in OW North

In Douglas, after the floods

In San Juan

Punta Gorda Town Council

Hon. Julius Espat, MIDH all over Belize

After the floods, restoration at Crooked Tree Causeway

Message: Keep litter in vehicles

Belize River Valley roads after the floods

Up keeping of our Heavy Equipment

Standard Bearer Corozal Bay, Thea Garcia Ramirez

Celebrating Excellence in Women's Football

'The Work Continues'

LETTER TO THE Editor

Commuter Call on Bus Owners

Dear Editor,

It is GREAT to hear the Prime Minister allude to the upgrades that are needed in the bus/transport situation of the country. And let me take the opportunity to add from my experience as a commuter.

The commuting public is waiting for the bus owners to call a press conference and say WHEN then intend to throw away the old school buses. It is 2025. The commuting public of which I am a part of does not care for your indecent lawsuits. Stop calling on lawyers to bail you out. The last lawyer you had is despised by the public.

When the PUP made a list of items that could ONLY make 15 and 20 percent profit, you would think that the bus owners would go along. But no… What is your markup? 100 percent?

I know a little math and OTHER than the bus owners opening their books to show the public otherwise, they are GUILTY of price gouging?

When they raised their prices they alleged that diesel prices were too high. So prices went back down so where is the putting the prices down.

For an instant, I felt bus owners wanted the public to help fund new buses but after two years, NOPE, they are just milking without improvement to the buses and the service.

BTB those old buses do not help our country look good. I can even understand a few old buses for character and for a few runs BUT not ninety percent. They make Belize look bad. I have seen tourists taking pictures of our old buses.

It was so FUNNY when OLD buses took the NEW publicly acclaimed Floralia/GoB to court.

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets…….standing around the terminals or ripping a raffle book is NOT a ticketing system.

Even the workers at the bus terminals are frustrated and standees are out of control. Isn't there a violation ticket for having standees? God forbid there is another accident as Belizeans have had to endure in two extremely sad occasions. Yet, the bus owners are satisfied to having their drivers and conductors rip off the standing commuters by charging them the same as if they are seated. Bus owners are happy to milk the commuters. We commuters need our jobs and make up an important part of the majority and hard-working Belizeans.

Old buses = gas guzzling and old buses = high maintenance….these two are not the fault of the commuters. STOP hiding behind loop holes and GET good buses for the commuters.

Bus owners should buy buses instead of lawyers.

Quit the price gouging…..if you are not….Prove it by opening your books to the public. That will reveal that the markup of your dreadful product is outrageous.

Electric buses are in the horizon…… just like in the city.

Respect the commuters and the commuters will pay your price for better buses.

Old School buses = dinosaurs and you know what happened to them.

Disgusted w bus owners of old buses

Belizean Commuter

New Monument in Toledo

PRESS RELEASE

GAMING CONTROL BOARD NOTICE

Belmopan, January 10th, 2025

The Gaming Control Board (GCB) would like to inform all gaming machine license holders (Gaming Establishments) that received approval for the period April 1st 2024, - March 31st 2025, to submit their renewal applications for the upcoming period April 1st 2025, - March 31st 2026.

Licensees wishing to renew their licenses are asked to submit their original application forms to the Ministry of Investment, situated at No.03 Mango Street in Belmopan on or before Friday, January 31st 2025. Application forms are available at the Ministry.

We can be contacted via:

Telephone: (501) 880-4728 or 880-4729
Email: belizeinvestment@invest.gov.bz
Facebook: Investment, Policy & Compliance Unit

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LETTER TO THE Editor

Options: Progress or Politics

Dear Editor,

As a long-time supporter of the UDP, it pains me to admit that the party's ongoing infighting has left me disillusioned. Instead of standing as a united front to serve the people and hold the government accountable, the UDP has become embroiled in internal power struggles and petty disputes. This chaos has overshadowed any meaningful opposition and left us, the supporters, feeling neglected and frustrated.

Meanwhile, I cannot ignore the tangible results of PlanBelize. The PUP administration has delivered significant progress in areas such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, and economic recovery. The GST-free days in December, the expansion of free education, and the debt restructuring through the Blue Bond are just a few examples of initiatives that have directly benefited Belizeans.

As much as I have supported the UDP in the past, I believe in voting based on achievements and results, not blind loyalty to a party. Belize needs leaders who prioritize the people's interests over personal agendas.

This election, I am voting for the work done and not color this time round.

Sincerely,

Rodney Martinez

VITAL STATS UPGRADE IN PROCESS

The following notice has been put out by the Vital Stats office. This might cause some inconvenience but the public should know that this is an important step to soon be able to access your document online. The process of digitizing everyone's documents is obviously a tedious one but it is necessary in this day of digitization and digitalization.

It reminds of how San Pedro is developing so trucks can be seen everywhere. The peace of that town in in play presently but a little inconvenience is sometimes necessary for the greater convenience. Soon, gone will the days be a long wait at the vital stats office.

Notice: Office closure

Please be informed that the following Vital Statistics Unit Offices will be closed from **January 13, 2025, to January 24,** 2025:

- Corozal
- Belize City
- San Ignacio
- Punta Gorda

The closure of these offices will facilitate staff training for the upcoming digitization project.

The Attorney General's Ministry and the VSU apologize for any inconvenience caused.

LETTER TO THE Editor

UDP Pettiness Hurts Belize's Progress

Dear Editor,

It is disheartening to witness the ongoing public squabbles between UDP Leader Shyne Barrow and Albert Area Representative Tracy Taegar-Panton. At a time when Belize faces pressing national issues, the petty exchanges within the United Democratic Party distract from the meaningful work that should be done as an effective opposition.

Instead of presenting robust debates on governance and holding the administration accountable, the UDP leadership is consumed with infighting and personal grievances. This pettiness undermines the credibility of a party that once managed to coax respect as a unified force. The constant tit-for-tat between Mr. Barrow and Ms. Taegar-Panton not only alienates party supporters but also paints a troubling picture of disarray to the broader public.

Belize needs an opposition focused on constructive criticism and policy alternatives—not one consumed by internal ego battles. Both Mr. Barrow and Ms. Taegar-Panton must set aside personal differences and prioritize the nation's interests.

If this infighting continues, the UDP will keep their zero public confidence, leaving Belizeans with a weak democratic landscape. Our country deserves better from its leaders, whether in government or opposition.

Sincerely,

Harry Young

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Central Bank of Belize
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Ref: Systems Analyst – Information Technology Department

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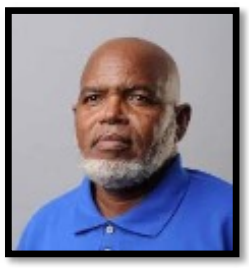
HISTORIC AND VERY INFORMATIVE TRIP TO ATLANTA CITY, GEORGIA USA – Part I



By Hon. Gilroy Usher, Port Loyola

The 1996 Olympics were held in Atlanta City, Georgia USA, and two of the persons I admire greatly are from Atlanta. Those individuals are slain African-American Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr and Andrew Young, Jr. first African-American United States Ambassador to the United Nations (Jan. 30, 1977 – Sept. 23, 1979) and second African American-Mayor of Atlanta City (1982-1990) after Maynard Jackson, who was elected as the first African-American Mayor of the city with a current population of over 532,115.

I was therefore very happy in the week of October 5, 2024, when Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations Anthony Mahler invited me as part of BTB delegation to promote Belize as an ideal tourist destination in the historic and modern city of Atlanta.

In the morning, we visited a former site of the 1996 Olympics that's being transformed to make it more attractive for businesses and thousands of visitors from across the globe. The sight includes a very large LED billboard that promoted Belize as the best tourist destination throughout the day along with ads for other businesses.

The second event was a tour of the Mercedes-Benz Complex with a full-size football field and seating capacity for 85,000 persons all indoor.

Four large LED billboards on the ceiling, large vertical LED billboards on two corner posts as well as large semicircular LED billboards at the ground level and approximately 20ft above ground level promoted Belize as an ideal tourist destination along with commercials for other business throughout an event.

Prior to the much anticipated football match between Atlanta United and New York Red Bulls at the Mercedes Benz Center, the BTB promoted Belize as an excellent tourist destination in the large backyard of the facility. Home Depot and other major businesses also used the opportunity to market their products.

In the exciting football match Atlanta United defeat New York Red Bulls 2-1 with thousands of fans in attendance including the Belize Delegation.

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HERE COMES JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS

by Dickie Bradley

"There is nothing new under the sun." So wrote the great King Solomon in one of my favourite books in the Bible- Ecclesiastes.

But there is something new under the sun in little, tiny Belize. It is to be found in the first issue of this year's Gazette. It is a Practice Direction from the Chief Justice of our Judiciary which is the third Constitutional Branch of the government of Belize.

A Practice Direction is a legal guide to the courts of the country on a particular legal issue. In this matter there are several Practice Directions for the civil Section of our courts and there are dozens of directives for the Criminal Section of the Courts.

In a special edition of the Gazette dated 2nd January 2025 is to be found Statutory Instrument No 1 of 2025. It is dubbed "Senior Courts (Civil Restraint Orders." It goes on to prescribe the procedures where the court is required to make a civil restraint order against a person in legal proceedings.

It focuses on a limited civil restraint order, an extended civil restraint order, and a general civil restraint order. There follow scores of paragraphs detailing the circumstances and procedures to be followed to obtain such orders. Lawyers will love this stuff and should charge their clients less since even draft letters protocols and appendices clearly spell out just about everything required to obtain any of the three Orders from the court.

Fifty-six pages thereafter follows a different type of guidance, Practice Direction for General Sentencing Guidelines. This goes on for a further 128 pages. Yep! You reading accurately – the total of the Practice Direction covers 186 pages.

Sentencing is serious business. Very serious. Taking away the freedom of a human being is not an easy road. I was a Magistrate for a brief period. At the end of a trial, I agonized over sending a young Hispanic to prison. He deserved to go to prison. He stood in Court defiant and without remorse. His colour changed when I told him he would be routinely raped in jail.

Sentencing human beings to jail is serious shit. So, when I came to page 56 and saw guidelines for sentencing, I read non-stop all the way to 186. I was heartened. Especially because the Judiciary has fallen in the hands of foreigners. Most of the criminal judges were not even magistrates where they came from. And we have qualified, competent and experienced Belizeans, many were and are seasoned magistrates. We have a foreign Chief Magistrate. She wishes to return to her country. It is hoped a suitable Belizean will become the New Chief Magistrate. There is a Senior Magistrate with a Master's Degree in law and years of experience on the bench.

The Practice Directions are timely. Guidance is always to be welcomed. Anything that improves justice and a fair trial is a step in the right direction. Nothing is more cancerous than injustice and an unfair trial. In 2022 Belize Chief Justice Michelle Arana issued Practice Directions which we referred to as P.D5/2022.

The New Chief Justice, Hon Louise Esther Blenman, has come like Che Guevara and Fidel to change things for the better. These are the most comprehensive guidance anywhere regarding improvements in the all-important matter of sentencings persons to jail.

Her Ladyship formed a Rules Committee consisting of a wide cross -section of professionals in the legal arena. They have done the work. They deserve commendations. There are new Civil Procedure Rules for our courts. And there are detailed Sentencing guidelines for judges and magistrates. In street language…This Big…Respect C.J.

The law governing criminal offences is 165 pages with 332 sections. This is the Criminal Code, Chapter 101. There are dozens, scores of other legislations containing offences.

Criminality is a feature of the modern world. Unfortunately, there is no downward trend, instead of lesser and lesser crimes, the opposite is the reality. There is now an International Criminal Court. We see daily on Aljazeera the murder of innocent women, children and elderly in Gaza. There is now an arrest warrant for the Prime Minister of Israel for committing war crimes. The present President of our beloved U.S.A has been publicly accused of committing war crimes, by none other than Professor Cornel West.

CARICOM leaders are redefining crime as a medical epidemic plaquing us. In blessed Belize murder has gone down drastically for the second year. Everything must be done to ensure it is further reduced. Kudos to Compol Chester Williams and Minister Kareem.

Let's us also be clear that many of the colonial laws and the colonial mentality of imprisoning persons unnecessarily is also still with us. One of my favourite writers – Charles Dickens has mentioned that the law is an ass. And so it is. But even an ass has an important function whether it's the animal or the rear of our anatomy.

As our Chief Justice has written, her Practice Directions are not exhaustive. They come from what is called Case Law, meaning in well decided cases learned judges across the globe have grappled with the issues and write down their best educated and intellectual understanding. Sentencing is punishment. Punishment must fit the crime.

Denys Barrow, Belize's baddest (a James Brown term) and bestest legal mind who is now a judge in the region's highest court, the Caribbean Court of Justice. He has given his considered views on sentencing and the reason and purpose of judges sending human beings to jail. It was revolutionary when he wrote it in 2010 and it is revolutionary even now as I write these requested comments.

The Denys Barrow decision is enunciated in the court of appeal decision of YONG SHENG ZHANG Criminal Appeal 13 of 2009 where the Supreme Court imposed imprisonment of 14 years on a person who plead guilty to a fatal shooting and his original murder charge was reduced to manslaughter. Judge Barrow wrote the decision. He thoroughly covered the core issues of Retribution, Deterrence, Prevention and Rehabilitation.

The Practice Direction on sentencing will be allow for more fairness when punishing accused persons. It will also open a wider door to encourage guilty accused to plead guilty and not waste the precious time in our overcrowded courts.

I was heartened on learning that Judge Antionette Moore was a member of the Committee working on sentencing and other key justice issues. This judge is our lady Justice. She should have long been the head of the Criminal Division of the Court. Whence comes another that can fill her robes?

The Honourable Chief Justice has written in the Practice Direction that sentencing Judges can depart from the guidelines where the interest of Justice requires.

The guidelines are also clear that prison should always be a last resort and wherever the justice of the circumstances require there should be consideration of a non-custodial punishment, probation and monetary fines. Our Muslim brothers and sisters would say God is great. Justice is a blessing.

Some of the specific offences covered by the Chief Justice and her Rules Committee are: Murder, Homicide, Gangs, Firearms, Drug, Money Laundering, Burglary, Robbery, Human Trafficking, Mandatory Minium sentencings, Crimes of Dishonesty.

Belize can be proud that our justice practitioners have made a giant leap forward for fairness and justice which is what a modern civilized society is all about.

Maximum respect is due.

IDB

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Passenger Van -MBECA

Institution: **Ministry of Finance**
Country: Belize
Project: Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
Loan No.: 5769/OC-BL
Type of Engagement: Vehicle
Process ID: BL-L1042-P00007
Deadline: **January 20, 2025;** 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received seven million US Dollars (US $7M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program. The Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the purchase of Goods (hereinafter called "Goods"): ***Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Passenger Van -MBECA.***

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the "Supply and Delivery of Vehicle" for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity	Lot #
1	Passenger Van	Passenger capacity 14 – Including the driver	1	1

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document by scanning the QR Code below. This Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RFB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Monday, January 20, 2025, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time).** Electronic quotation is not permitted**. Late bids will be rejected.**

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Flood, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Scan Here For More Details:

Giant of a Belizean Friend Passes
President Jimmy Carter
October 1, 1924 – December 29, 2024

Jimmy Carter who was a United States President, a U.S. Navy veteran, a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and a humanitarian who dedicated his life to promoting peace, democracy, and human rights has died at the age of 100. James Earl Carter Jr., the oldest living former United States President and a giant of a friend to Belize, passed away on Sunday December 29 2024. As 39th president, he served from 1977 to 1981. This time was important for us as he lead the US to play a crucial role in Belize's attainment of independence. Additionally, he drew worldwide praised for his commitment to human rights and social justice after leaving office.

President Carter is fondly remembered in Belize as a friend who ensured the country's independence. During his presidency, Belize was a British colony that faced continuous threats from Guatemala's claims. Carter's foreign policy, prioritizing human rights, led his administration to support the Belizean independence movement.

"President Carter showed us what could be achieved through tireless diplomacy and dedication to the pursuit of peace, democracy, and human rights." - Secretary Antony Blinken

In 2023, The Government of Belize honored former U.S. President Jimmy Carter with the prestigious Order of Belize for his enduring friendship and support to the people of the Jewel.

Jimmy Carter, the 39th U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, is renowned for his democratic and humanitarian endeavors – contributions that extend to Belize. Under his leadership, the United States and Belize promoted democracy and peace negotiations in the region. Through initiatives like the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, which built homes for those in need, he has touched the lives of many Belizeans.

Ambassador Michelle Kwan who is sadly bidding farewell to Belize had the pleasure of hosting former President Carter's daughter, Amy Carter, who received the award of the Order of Belize on her father's behalf — "an honor well-deserved for his unwavering dedication to a better world."- US Embassy in Belize

The US State department posted on their website that President Carter is A man of faith, President Carter once said that **"our greatest blessings come when we are able to improve the lives of others."** By that measure and so many others, President Carter lived a blessed life.

Our Sincerest Condolences

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

October 1, 1924 – December 29, 2024

Prime Minister John Briceño: *"On behalf of the government and people of Belize, I extend our sincerest condolences to the family of former President Jimmy Carter. Belize thanks the Former President for his support to our nationhood and for his global leadership."*

Invitation for Bids

Belize Water Services Limited

Third Water Project
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
BWSL/BIF-26-1868-01

1. The ***Government of Belize*** *will be receiving* financing from the ***Caribbean Development Bank*** **toward the cost of the project "Third Water Project"** and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for "***Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant".***

2. ***Belize Water Services Limited*** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the***:***

"Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant"

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures specified in the Caribbean Development Bank's *Policies* and is open to all eligible bidders.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain an e-copy of the bidding document by making a request to the address found at the bottom of this advertisement.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before ***3:00 pm, 07th February 2025***. Electronic bidding ***shall not*** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **3*:15 pm on 07th February 2025.***

6. All bids to be accompanied by Bid Security, as specified in the bidding document and must be delivered to the address below by ***3:00 pm local time on 07th February 2025***.

7. The address referred to above is:

Email: rce@bwsl.com.bz
Attention: Ms. Jahnina Reyes,
Procurement Specialist
Belize Water Services Limited
7 Central American Blvd.
Belize City
Belize
+501-222-4757

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Celebrating Excellence in Women's Football!

Thea Garcia Ramirez: *"As the The Corozal Football Association- CFA Women's First Division Tournament comes to an exciting close, I am beyond proud of the incredible talent, determination, and sportsmanship displayed by all the teams and players.*

It was an honor to sponsor the $2,000 cash prize, medals, and trophies for this remarkable event."

Here are the well-deserved winners:

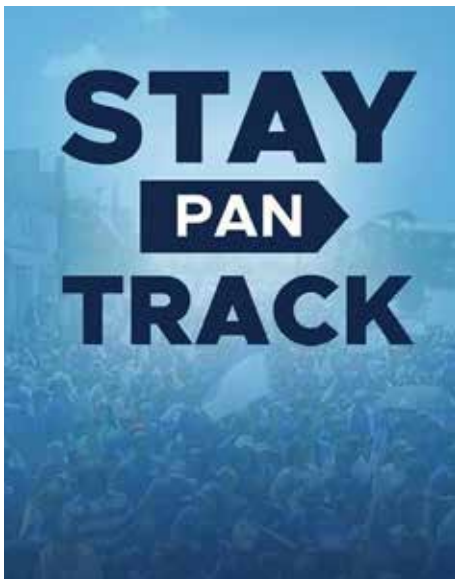
Individual Awards: MVP: Christel Tzul

Best Goalkeeper: Aniyah Cocom | Best Defender: Ximena Flores | Best Midfielder: Christel Tzul | Best Forward: Pricilla Villamil | Top Goal Scorer: Alysha Terry | Best Coach: Raigen Cano

Special Recognition: Fair Play Award: Libertad Hit Squad

Team Awards: 3rd Place Trophy: Libertad Hit Squad | 2nd Place Medals & Trophy: Strikers P.C. FC | 1st Place Medals & Trophy: Corozal Elite

To all players, coaches, and fans: Thank you for inspiring our community and proving that women's sports in Corozal are unstoppable! Let's continue to support and uplift each other as we build a brighter future for our local athletes."



BELIZE Social Investment Fund

REQUEST FOR BIDS

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

Belize
Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas
BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)
Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. ***BL-L1045-P00018*** of ***10th January 2025***

2. The ***Government of Belize*** (the "Borrower") has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of ***Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)*** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for ***Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities [BL-L1045-P00018]***

3. The ***Belize Social Investment Fund*** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the ***Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities***. The nature of the project includes, but not limited to the following:

Supply and Installation of Bulk Meters in 20 communities listed below:

Belize
Rock Stone Pond
La Democracia

Orange Walk
Carmelita
San Felipe
San Estevan

Cayo
Armenia
Cristo Rey
Valley of Peace
San Antionio

Stann Creek
Hope Creek
Red Bank
Santa Rosa
Pomona

Corozal
San Narciso
Progresso
Patchakan
August Pine Ridge

Toledo
Big Falls
Bella Vista
San Jose/NaLuum Ca

4. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from ***Belize Social Investment Fund***, ***Procurement officer, kyla.cho@sifbelize.org*** and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from ***Monday to Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local Belize time).***

Qualifications requirements include:
Financial Capability:
(i) Evidence of working capital or liquid assets for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources) equal to 10% percent of the estimated value of the item/lot

Experience and Technical Capacity
(i) contractors shall have experience in at ***least 1 work*** of a similar nature and size for each of the ***last 3 years***

6. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *shall not* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the email address below.The Bidding Documents will be sent back by e-mail.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before ***10th February 2025 at 10:00 am***. Electronic bidding ***will not*** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at ***10th February 2025 at 10:15a.m*** All bids must be accompanied by a ***Bid-Securing Declaration***.

9. The address(es) referred to above is(are):

1. Address for Correspondence

Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-0239 or 822-0508/9
E-mail: kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
cc:***carlos.tun@sifbelize.org***
angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org

2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-0239 or 822-0508/9
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Project Coordinator
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-462290-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF-PROJECT COORDINATOR** as part of the Project Implementation Unit of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Project Coordinator will provide overall leadership and management of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and will coordinate the activities to be implemented. The Project Coordinator will have the ultimate responsibility for planning, budget preparation and management and execution to achieve the Project's objectives and targets. In addition, the Project Coordinator will report to Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) on overall project implementation and will act on the MAFSE behalf in his/her contacts with public and international institutions and provide overall supervision of service providers contracted by the project. The Project Coordinator will also provide regular project update to the Project Oversight Committee.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Project Coordinator**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing January 2024. The Project Coordinator will be supervised by the Executive Director of the BSIF and will report to Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and BSIF on overall project implementation.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be viewed on-line at BSIF'S website **https://sifbelize.org** ; at MAFSE's website **https://www.agriculture.gov.bz** or can be requested at the e-mail address below.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

• Master's degree in project management, agriculture, rural development, or any other field related to the assignment.

General Experience

• Eight years' working experience in public or private sector performing tasks related to managing of projects (max 20 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

• At least five years' experience in implementation of projects in the agriculturefield (max 30 points)

• At least five years' experience working in rural development, particularly in rural/local communities (max 20 points)

• Minimum of three (3) years' experience working with agriculture value chain particularly livestock or horticulture crops (max 15 points)

• At least five years' experience with project management for activities funded by of IFIs (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **January 24th, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org
Cc: carlos.tun@sifbelize.org

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Short Term Consultancy to Develop Pesticides Listing
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-462320-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **Consultant to Develop a Comprehensive List Of Recommendations Of Pesticides**. The objective of this consultancy is to develop a well-researched, comprehensive list of recommended pesticides suitable for crop/commodities under the CRESAP Project considering efficacy, safety, environmental sustainability, and compliance with national and international standards. The consultant will work directly under the supervision of the Registrar of Pesticide in Central Farm. The Pesticides Control Board (PCB) has the legal mandate for the registration of pesticides in Belize.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a consultant to develop a comprehensive list of recommendations of pesticides for The Pesticides Control Board (PCB) for 30 working days over three months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be viewed on-line at BSIF'S website **https://sifbelize.org** ; at MAFSE's website **https://www.agriculture.gov.bz** or can be requested at the e-mail address below.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

• A Master's degree in environmental, Agro-ecological sciences or related disciplines to the assignment.

General Experience

• At least three (3) years of relevant professional experience in Environmental risk management work, including the development and implementation of Environmental assessments and management plans (Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Management Plans, etc.) (max 25 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

• Experience in Environmental risk management work in agriculture development projects; (max 20 points)

• Proven experience in agricultural inputs management and crop protection strategies. (max 20 points)

• Knowledge of regulatory frameworks and standards related to agricultural practices at the national and international levels. (max 20 points)

• Familiarity with the Rotterdam Convention, and experience with international standards and good practice on pesticide regulation. (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Must-Visit Destination for 2025

Global Spotlight on Belize

Belize has proudly secured a spot in the Association of British Travel Agents' (ABTA) coveted 'Destinations to Watch' report for 2025, cementing its status as a top choice for travelers seeking a remarkable and varied getaway. Renowned for its pristine landscapes and deep cultural history, Belize is set to draw the attention of UK holidaymakers eager to explore new and exciting destinations.

ABTA, the UK's largest travel trade association representing over 4,300 travel brands, publishes its annual report to inspire travelers during Sunshine Saturday—one of the busiest travel booking days of the year. Belize's inclusion in this prestigious list emphasizes its allure as a destination offering adventure, tranquility, and a glimpse into history. From its lush rainforests and sandy shores to the Belize Barrier Reef, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this tropical gem promises an unmatched connection to nature.

For those fascinated by history, Belize offers an extraordinary dive into the ancient Maya world, featuring sites like Caracol and Xunantunich. Beyond its archaeological wonders, Belize's culture reflects its rich heritage, shaped by Maya, Creole, Garifuna, and Mestizo influences, giving visitors an authentic and diverse experience.

ABTA's recognition of Belize is a monumental achievement, placing the country alongside esteemed destinations like Denmark, Tasmania (Australia), Quebec (Canada), Hokkaido (Japan), and Oviedo (Spain). This acknowledgment underscores Belize's growing international appeal as a hub for unique travel experiences.

According to ABTA's research, nearly half of travelers are eager to explore new countries in 2025, with many seeking expert advice to guide their choices. Belize, with its natural splendor, historical treasures, and accessibility, perfectly aligns with these trends, offering something extraordinary for every type of traveler.

Graeme Buck, ABTA's Director of Communications, highlighted the importance of the 'Destinations to Watch' list, noting that Belize and other selected locations are poised to captivate and inspire visitors. With Sunshine Saturday set to drive a surge in bookings, Belize is primed to become a standout choice for those planning unforgettable holidays.

Belizeans can take pride in this recognition, which shines a global spotlight on our vibrant nation. Let's welcome the world to experience the magic of Belize, with accommodations like Chabil Mar and Victoria House ready to provide unmatched hospitality. For more, visit https://www.belizehub.com/belize-abta-must-visit-2025/

Additionally, Belize has been listed in what can easily be described as countless other publications. Belize has been featured in The Sun, The Times, TTG, and NI Travel News as a top destination for 2025! Celebrated for its lush rainforests, ancient Maya temples, breathtaking waterfalls, and world-class snorkeling along the second-longest barrier reef, Belize continues to inspire travelers worldwide. Click the links below to read articles:

The Sun Article: https://www.thesun.co.uk/.../seven-top-holiday

The Times Online Feature: https://www.thetimes.com/.../best-value-destinations

TTG Medoa: https://www.ttgmedia.com/.../10-destinations-to-watch

NI Travel News: https://nitravelnews.com/.../abta-supports-members

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Companies listed below have been dissolved and duly struck off the IBC Register as follows:

NAME OF COMPANY	Date of Dissolution
SAGEGLOW CORPORATION	2 December, 2024
NYX INVESTMENT S.A.	5 December, 2024
OWEN FINANCIAL CORP.	5 December, 2024
LOVIL INVESTMENT LTD.	30 December, 2024

Morgan & Morgan Trust Corporation Belize Ltd.

CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Annual Balance of Payments Survey

Belize City , 6 January 2025: Each year the Central Bank of Belize collects data for the compilation of Belize's Balance of Payments. In order to carry out this exercise for 2024 and to make accurate revisions to our 2023 data, the Central Bank is once again conducting its survey of *business enterprises* and *non-profit organizations* resident in Belize.

The Central Bank guarantees that all data submitted will be kept **strictly confidential** and any published statistics will be aggregated so that individual enterprises cannot be identified. To contribute to the effectiveness of this exercise, please submit responses by Friday, 31 January 2025.

The Central Bank of Belize looks forward to your collective cooperation and working together toward a successful survey initiative.

- ENDS –

CILTrust International Inc.

PLANTPLUS LTD. # 000001706
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **PLANTPLUS LTD.** (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

a) is in dissolution
b) commenced dissolution on the 20th day of December, 2024; and
c) **John Fitzgerald Gillett** whose address Main Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District, Belize is the Liquidator of the Company

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

CILTrust International Inc.

PLANTPLUS LTD. # 000001706
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company named **DOMES LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry with effect from the 31st December, 2024.

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

CILTrust International Inc.

MELIA LIMITED # 000004346
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **MELIA LIMITED** (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

a) is in dissolution
b) commenced dissolution on the 30th day of December, 2024; and
c) **John Fitgerald Gillett** whose address is Main Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District, Belize is the Liquidator of the Company

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

CILTrust International Inc.

MELIA LIMITED # 000004346
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company named **MELIA LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry Register with effect from the 23rd December, 2024.

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of **JJ Aviation Limited** (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

Any person who objects to the making of an Order is hereby invited to,
a. submit notice in writing of his/her objections
b. state the grounds on which he/she relies in support thereof,

to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before January 23rd , 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

1. The Company is located at the Phillip Goldson International Airport that intends to establish an air transport operation to service Cancun, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

2. The application is in relation to:
- Specialized Tools
- Fixtures & Fittings
- Spare Parts
- Office Equipment & Appliances
- Utility and Transport Vehicles
- exemption from duties.

NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of **New Deal Limited** (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

Any person who objects to the making of an Order is hereby invited to,
a. submit notice in writing of his/her objections
b. state the grounds on which he/she relies in support thereof,

to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before January 23rd , 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

1. The Company is located at Mile 5 on the Phillip Goldson Highway, Belize District that will construct a five-story hotel consisting of seventy-seven units along with other amenities including a gym, spa and wellness center, swimming pool, restaurant and bar. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

2. The application is in relation to:
- Building Materials & Supplies
- Specialized Tools
- Plant, Machinery & Equipment
- Office Equipment & Appliances
- Fixtures & Fittings
- Marine Crafts
- Utility and Transport Vehicles
- exemption from duties.

Eulogy

THE LIFE OF J ALEXANDER BENNETT

We are gathered here today to celebrate the life of an educator, historian, and a great contributor to the development of education in Belize, but most importantly a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. He is officially known as Joseph Alexander Bennett, but to his friends, many of whom have gone before him, he was called Hando, Benach, Bendishe, or J Alexander. Similar to the "Teacher of all things" Jesus Christ, Hando was a teacher to many. He got married to my mom Jeannette on August 27, 1956, at the Holy Redeemer Church, and immediately after he had to take up his assignment to the school in Succotz with my mom in tow. This exemplifies his dedication to the teaching profession and the area of education in the Jewel.

J Alexander was born on 14th March 1929, to Hilario "Claro" Bennett a woodcutter from the mahogany camps in the old settlement of British Honduras, the Trumbull Old River area of the Belize District, now Belize, and to Celedonia Lopez, a domestic who could not read or write but ensured that Hando got an education which started in the bowels of the logging camps. His education began through the efforts of the mahogany cutters and his older brother Archie and with the rudimentary teaching methods J Alexander made his flight into the world of education.

J Alexander was a Belizean historian, an ardent Belizean poet, and has been a longstanding educator in Belize with many years of experience at all levels of the education system. He is a graduate of the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964, a man of Irvine Hall Xander, you know because you are also an Irvine Hall man, and earned a Master of Arts (Ed) from the Institute of Education of the University of London in the United Kingdom on the award of a Commonwealth fellowship. He is recognized by many for his academic achievements, which as a humble individual, he never wore on his sleeve. I remember many times his friends would say 'Boy dah man dah wah genius "because he would go out with them and party through the night and the next day would ace his exam. My dad told me what they don't know is that I wake early and burn the morning lamp. Many wanted to walk in his shoes. There is only one individual who did. Yours truly! I know my siblings might feel ruffled, but it is the truth. Well, when my father came back home after studying in London, he gave me his beautiful brown Oxford shoe that my foot slipped in like Cinderella. Yeah, there and then, I began walking in his shoes.

Alexander was also a TruBlu Freetown constituent who worked the hall of the All Saints polling station as a scrutineer first for the Area Rep George Cadle Price, Leader Emeritus, and then for his Godson, Hon Francis Fonseca. He was a silent warrior for the PUP.

His career as a teacher meandered through various academic institutions, the Belize Teachers College, the first Principal of Belize Junior Secondary School (BJSS) #1, now Edward P Yorke High School, BELCAST, University of Belize, University of the West Indies Open Campus. In the Foreword of his book Education in Belize, Francis Fonseca wrote "To think of J Alexander Bennett is to think of Education in Belize." Importantly, he was one of the stewards guiding the decolonization process of education in Belize and was a consultant to UNESCO's development plan for Belize under self-government. Many of Belize's educators have been guided under his tutelage and have become a part of the continued development of education in Belize. J A Bennett's final literary work was "YEARS OF GRACE" a collaborative effort between himself and Charles Woods, and Silvaana Udz, on the history of the Roman Catholic Church, which he considered his way of giving back to the church.

However, to his family gathered here today he was a magnificent father, grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, Rush, he was your balduch. He was not the touchy-feely type of person, but he loved us dearly in his way and ensured that each one of us was properly cared for. His longlife partner, who had gone before him, Jeannette, was the love of his life. Pa you will now join Mama in the eternal life. Your contribution to your family, friends, and country will be immensely missed.

Thank you for the wonderful life you have given us. Go on Pa and rest in eternal peace. Goodbye, Papa until we meet again!

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT ENGINEER (INDIVIDUALS)

Institution:	**Ministry of Finance**
Country:	Belize
Type of Engagement:	Individual Consultant (IC)
Deadline:	**Friday, January 17th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) – (EXTENSION)**

The Government of Belize (GOB), with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), has established a Central Executing Unit (CEU) within the Ministry of Finance as a structure to contribute to the effective delivery of the development goals outlined in Belize's Medium-Term Development Strategy, 2022-2026 (MTDS). The CEU is responsible for the coordination and implementation of various loan and grant projects and serves as the primary point of contact for all stakeholders involved in each project assigned to the CEU. This centralized unit provides an efficient and effective way to facilitate the management of the projects, ensuring that all phases are completed on time and on budget. Through the CEU it is envisaged that there will be enhanced multi-sectoral collaboration among stakeholders during project design and implementation. Furthermore, with the in-house procurement, financial, monitoring, evaluation and reporting expertise, the CEU should minimize project start up and learning curve delays in procedures and reporting requirements previously experienced due to lack of expertise in these areas.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for the **Project Engineer**.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Project Engineer. For additional details, the required Application Template and Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ . Interested individuals should apply using the Application Template to demonstrate they have met the required qualifications and possess the relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the positions you are applying for and name of consultant.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Friday, January 17th, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Ruby Pascascio
Senior Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City, Belize, Central America
Tel: 501-822-2152/2158
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Ref: **Project Engineer -** Your name

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Consultancy Services for the Comprehensive Review of the Labour Act in Belize

PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government is inviting proposals from qualified consultancy firms to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

The objective of this consultancy is to engage a qualified consultancy firm to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020, with the aim of modernizing the Act and streamlining related legislations. This includes identifying areas for improvement, preparing recommendations for legislative changes that align with current labour standards and Belize's evolving needs, and drafting the necessary amendments.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

(i) **Inception Report:** Submit a detailed work plan, methodology, and timeline for the review process within two weeks of contract signing.

(ii) **Situational and Policy Analysis Report:** Prepare an in-depth assessment of the current Labour Act, and related legislations based on public and stakeholders' consultations, interviews and a thorough desk review of key documentation, national regional, and international legislative records and any other relevant materials obtained through independent research using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

(iii) **Conduct Public and Stakeholders Consultation:** Coordination with the Labour Act Review Committee, the Ministry of Labour and representatives of the ILO, to conduct consultations with social partners and national stakeholders.

(iv) **Drafting of the White paper and the and Modernized Labour Act:** Prepare multiple drafts of the modernized Labour Act and overseeing the consultations conducted regarding these drafts.

(v) **Presentation of Draft Legislation:** Present the draft legislation to key stakeholders, including the Review Committee, Ministry of Labour, and the ILO.

(vi) **Final Report and Legislative Draft:** Produce a final version of the Modernized Labour Act.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND ELIGIBILITY OF CONSULTANCY FIRM

Consultancy firms seeking to undertake this consultancy must ensure that team members within the firm possess the following:

- A Law Degree (LLB) with at least ten (10) years of post-qualification experience in practicing law in Belize or the Caribbean, including experience in employment law.
- Demonstrated experience in legislative drafting and legal reform processes.
- A member in good standing with the Belize Bar Association or a recognized home-country Bar Association.
- In-depth knowledge of Belize's legal system, including the Labour Act and other labour laws, as well as familiarity with CARICOM Model Laws.
- Strong knowledge of Labour Market and Labour economics.
- Understanding of ILO Conventions and their application.
- Strong analytical, research, and communication skills.
- Ability to conduct qualitative and quantitative research.
- Experience in facilitating public and stakeholder consultations.
- Proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Sound judgment, strategic thinking, and the ability to manage competing project activities.
- Ability to produce high-quality outputs within time and budget.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Each proposal should consist of the following:

1. **Curriculum Vitae:** A CV (2 pages maximum) highlighting the consultancy firm's experience in similar projects. It should include:
   - A summary of professional and academic qualifications, with emphasis on experience in legislative drafting, labour law, and legal reform.
   - Examples of previous work where the firm has led or contributed to the drafting or modernization of legislation, particularly in labour or employment law, Rule of Law, legal frameworks, CARICOM Model Law, knowledge of government processes, social dialogue, industrial relations, ILO Conventions, Recommendations and Protocols, and supervisory systems.
   - Detailed experience in stakeholder engagement, particularly in conducting consultations with diverse groups.
   - Relevant samples of work and/or hyperlinks to published material.

2. **Cover Letter:** A letter detailing the firm's interest in the position and its suitability for the role. It should outline the firm's understanding of the project scope and how its background aligns with the project's needs. Additionally, the letter should describe the proposed approach to managing the review and modernization of the Labour Act, including any unique strategies or methodologies. The letter should also indicate the firm's availability for the duration of the consultancy.

3. **Technical Proposal:** This should include a brief methodology, including the firm's approach to reviewing existing legislation, conducting stakeholder consultations, drafting new legislation, and finalizing the legislative framework. A draft timeline for the key deliverables (see section VI, paragraphs (i) to (iv) of the Terms of Reference) should be included. The proposal should also detail how the firm will ensure adherence to international labour standards while aligning with Belize's legal and socio-economic context.
   - The consultancy is expected to begin in March 2025 and complete the project by March 2026.
   - The schedule and method for stakeholder consultations will be determined jointly after the selection process, based on stakeholder availability.

4. **Price Proposal:** A price proposal that includes all consultancy fees and related expenses. Meetings and workshop costs will be covered by the Ministry.

5. **References:** Provide at least three professional references from previous clients or employers who can attest to the firm's capabilities in legal drafting and legislative review. Include contact details for each reference.

6. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

7. The full Terms of Reference may be requested from labour.comm@labour.gov.bz.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
All submissions must be made by 31st January 2025 at 4:00pm to:

Labour Commissioner
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, 5163 University Boulevard, Belmopan City, **CAYO**

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Edison Trapp** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Radisson Fort George Hotel & Marina"** located at # 2 Marine Parade, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Michelle Marin** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Culture Cafe"** located at # 56 Eve Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eileen Ghau** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Belizean Chinese Restaurant"** located at # 160 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Evan Young** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Thirties Enterprise"** located at # 2 Marine Parade, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Verna Samuels** is applying for a **Hotel Liquor License** to be operated at **"Bird's Eye View Kitchen"** located in Crooked Tree Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Oneyda Zetina** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zetina's Place"** located at # 136 Green Street, Belama Phase IV, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jason Cain** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Club Bizzo"** located at # 43 Queen Charlotte Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tanya Hernandez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Deana's Food Stop"** located at # 41 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Anna Mckay** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Anna's Lunch Box"** located at # 4 Bishop Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tyrone Valdes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Coco Cart** located at # 8 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Russel Moody** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Moody's Establishment"** located in Sand Hill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aaron Gongora** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Pirate Enterprises Ltd."** located at # 766 Tranquil Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jiaxi Yu & Li Zhou are** applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Wong Gok Restaurant"** located at # 11 6th Street, King's Park, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jorge Padilla** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Pokito's Shop"** located at Res. Western Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Damani Pop** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"BC Typically Grocery"** located at # 28 Water Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Delano Brown** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Island Bwoy"** located at # 14 Belize/Corozal Road, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 5114 6th St. King's Park area, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Miles 81/2 G.P.HWY., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 37 Western Paradise, G.P. HWY., Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Miles 9 3/4 G.P.HWY., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 137 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 8114 Giles Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Sister Therese Sparks Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 3129 Albert Hoy Ave., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Res. Mahogany Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 146 Mahogany Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 68/70 Freetown Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 13 Seashore Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 643 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Chetumal Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 43 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hector Avilez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Reef Restaurant And Bar"** located at # 17 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mayan Wells Jungle Lodge Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mayan Wells Jungle Lodge Ltd."** located in Rockstone Pond, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Timoty Elejio** is applying for a **Membership Liquor License** to be operated at **"Loyal Endeavor Lodge # 5"** located at # 48 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Anna Moore is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"KLK Sports Bar"** located in Gales Point Manatee Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hector Avilez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Reef Restaurant And Bar"** located at # 17 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Reynaldo & Estella Vellos are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Maya Star Restaurant"** located on Masaan Street, Maya Mopan, Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Reynaldo & Estella Vellos are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Maya Star Family Restaurant & Bar Swimming Pool"** located in Banana Bank, Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Reynaldo & Estella Vellos are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Maya Star Shop"** located on Masaan Street, Maya Mopan, Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christine Lamb Ford** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ford's Kriol Kitchen"** located at # 9020 Mahogany Street Ext., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jaime Briceno** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"One-Stop Convenience Store & Service Station"** located at # 29 Belize/Corozal Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dario Amor Canul** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Darvi's"** located at # 6 Cemetery Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guermo Roland** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Military Cool Spot"** located at # 29 Orange Street, Belize City, Belize- under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elvis Escobar** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"One-Stop Sports Bar & Restaurant"** located in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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